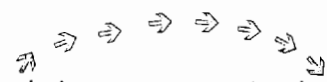


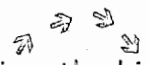
Metaphors

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Metaphors are tools authors use to make rich comparisons between two things that ordinarily wouldn't be connected. Metaphors are similar to similes, but they don't use the words *like* or *as*. Notice how these metaphors help the author create a visual picture in the reader's mind.



The tornado became a raging bull, smashing everything in its path.



All animals fear the lion, the king of the jungle, who stalks and kills at will.



↓ stars are compared to jewels

Sky jewels twinkled overhead in the night sky with elegant splendor.

In order to create a metaphor, first think of something you wish to describe. Picture the description you want to give to the reader. Was the tornado fierce and destructive? Compare it to a raging bull. Do the stars twinkle like jewels? In a metaphor they *become* jewels. Is the lion feared and respected by all others? So are some kings. In a metaphor the lion *becomes* a king. Metaphors can be based on almost any subject you can imagine:

The brilliant rays of the morning sun, the world's alarm clock, stretch and spread across the radiant sky.

The cobra's poison was a time bomb waiting to go off as it spread through Professor Thompson's weakened body.

When I was grounded for a week, my room was a prison of despair.

The delicious lobsters we caught that summer on the Maine coast were gifts from the sea.

Starla pulled the extra quilts around her and nestled in her bed, a warm cave that kept out the winter's chill.

Grandmother was the sunshine of Rebecca's life, the person she could run to in times of trouble.

The calm sea was an endless mirror, reflecting the beauty of the cloud filled sky.

My dad is a polar bear when it comes to swimming in cold water.

Metaphor is one of the important figures of speech of the English language. A metaphor is used for comparing two things, indirectly. Unlike a simile, the words 'like' and 'as' are not used, in fact no direct words are used for comparison. One might then wonder how to recognize a metaphor, the comparison is mostly between an inanimate and animate object through which we can understand that the inanimate object is compared to an animate object. The following is an extensive list of metaphors which will surely explain the metaphors further.

List of Metaphors for Kids

- A laugh in the sea of sadness
- The noise is music to his ears
- He swam in the sea of diamonds
- His belt was a snake curling around his waist
- Love is a growing garland
- Your friendship is the picture to my frame
- Authority is a chair, it needs legs to stand up
- Once your heart's been broken it grows back bigger
- His hair is a white snowflake and his hair is a messy haystack
- He is all heartbroken
- The pigeons fountained into the air
- Her hair was bone white
- He tried to help but his legs were wax
- It's raining men
- Words are false Idols
- Ideas are wings
- Kicked the bucket
- The sea is a hungry lion
- She is a dog when she is hungry
- A heart of gold
- A light in a sea of darkness
- Strength and dignity is what she is made of
- Heart of a lion
- He is the sun of my sky
- Light of their life
- Pull your socks up
- Life is a mere dream, a fleeting shadow on a cloudy day
- Drowning in the sea
- Jumping for joy
- Rolling in dough
- Apple of the eye
- It rained cats and dogs
- Information travels faster in this modern age as our days start crawling away
- Reality is an enemy
- Truth is food for him
- Fear is a beast that Feeds on attention
- Spiritual seeking is treasure hunting
- Life's journey is a bicycle ride down the hill
- Ideas are water
- Thoughts are a storm, unexpected

Extended Metaphor List

An extended metaphor is a type of metaphor which is also known as a 'conceit', it is nothing but a metaphor which does not end in the first sentence, it is continued in the next sentence also. The following are some examples of extended metaphors, which also include an extended metaphor poem.

The winds were ocean waves, thrashing against the trees limbs. The gales remained thereafter, only ceasing when the sun went down. Their waves clashed brilliantly with the water beneath, bringing foam and dying leaves to the shore. The teacher descended upon the exams, sank his talons into their pages, ripped the answers to shreds, and then, arching in his chair, began to digest.